

My name is Roland Briggs I am speaking for the City of Pilot Point and myself.  
I have live and fished in Ugashik for over 45 years.

**In favor of proposal 1, 5, 17, 44-55**  
**The city is opposed to 58-59, general districts**

I will first speak for the City of Pilot Point; as a city we get the majority of our city budget from fisheries taxes. The city is very concerned with the erosion of the fishery tax base due to interception of fish. The city of Pilot Point opposes any proposal which restricts Ugashik district fisherman or allows continued interception of Ugashik fish.

We have not able to make our budget the last two years, missing it by over \$200,000!! We are also concerned with making sure our guiding industry stays as robust as possible and seeing the decline in the kings and silvers has us concerned. We feel there needs to be some action taken before it is too late and thus support their Proposal 5.

The city of Pilot Point is in support of board generated proposal on keeping the Bristol Bay escapements the same. 100,000 fish increase in the Ugashik escapement is 1/2 million dollars to our fisheries.

I am speaking **in opposition to proposal 13, 15, 18, 20, 22-25, 36, 58-61,**

I am in favor of setnet permit stacking as our fishing operation is a continuation of a family business started by my parents.

On Proposal 18 on restricting Ugashik setnet distance form 1000 ft to 600 ft

As you can see by my first picture how wide the river is at high tide, you can run a skiff anywhere from shore to shore.

This second picture shows the river at low tide. There is still plenty of and water depth to navigate around the ends of the buoys.

Over the 45 years which I have participated in the set net fishery at Ugashik I have seen this sand bar go from no bar, to a bar, to a cut bank, and to back to a bar. Each year it changes some, depending on ice and current.

I travel around the buoys at low tide with no safety issues with my skiff, as do the other fishermen. I also navigate my tender past these buoys each opening about an hour before low water.

This fishery is prosecuted on the flood as it opens about 1 hr before low tide and closes 1 hr after high tide, so the claim of loaded boats coming down river at low tide is totally confusing.

As you can see using bridle nets I can fish the faster current in the middle of the river effectively where the fish have been running the past few years. This is not to say that every year the fish are going to run in the middle of the river. We have seen the fish passing the village with very few jumpers, which you can ask our area biologist about the lack of jumpers in front of the village these last few years.

When I have my nets out in the river the set nets up river have a larger opening between nets and catch more fish than they would have if my nets would have been directly in front of them. So by pulling my nets out I am not the only one which catches more fish.

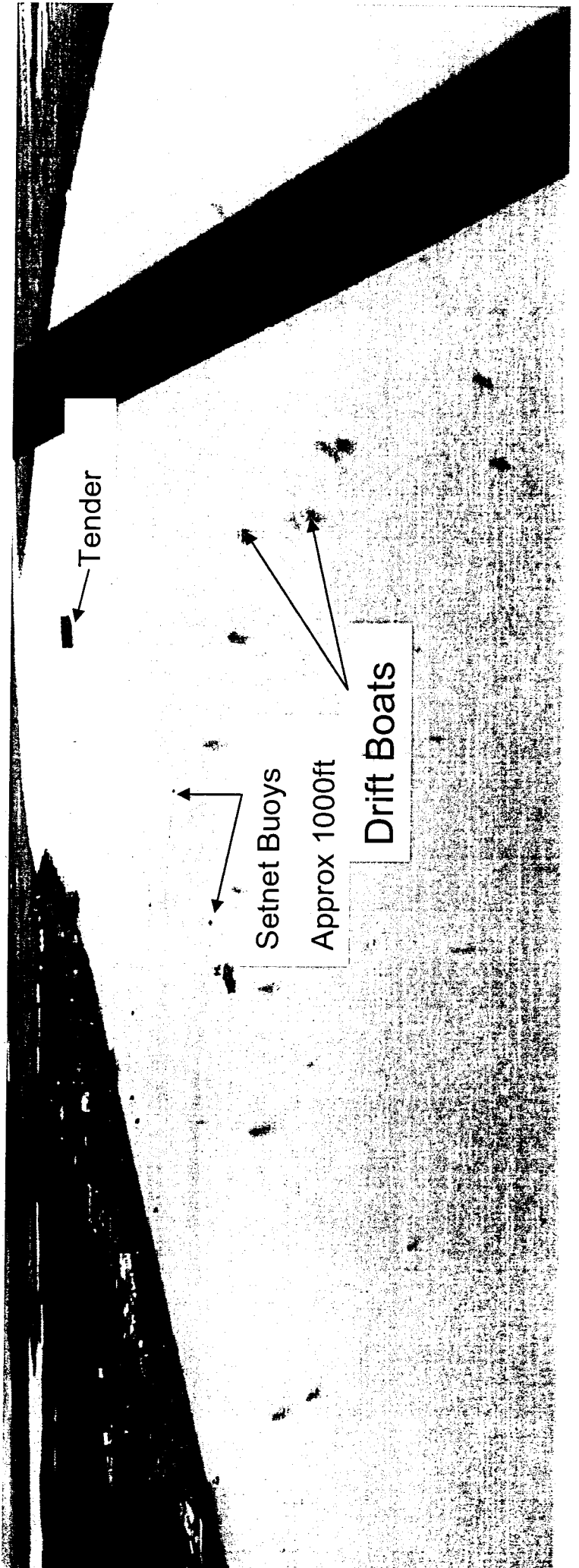
The one proposer fishes in front of my nets so it does not affect her catch if I pull out or not.

Man usually has two reasons for doing thing a good reason and a real reason and I question the real reason for this proposal.

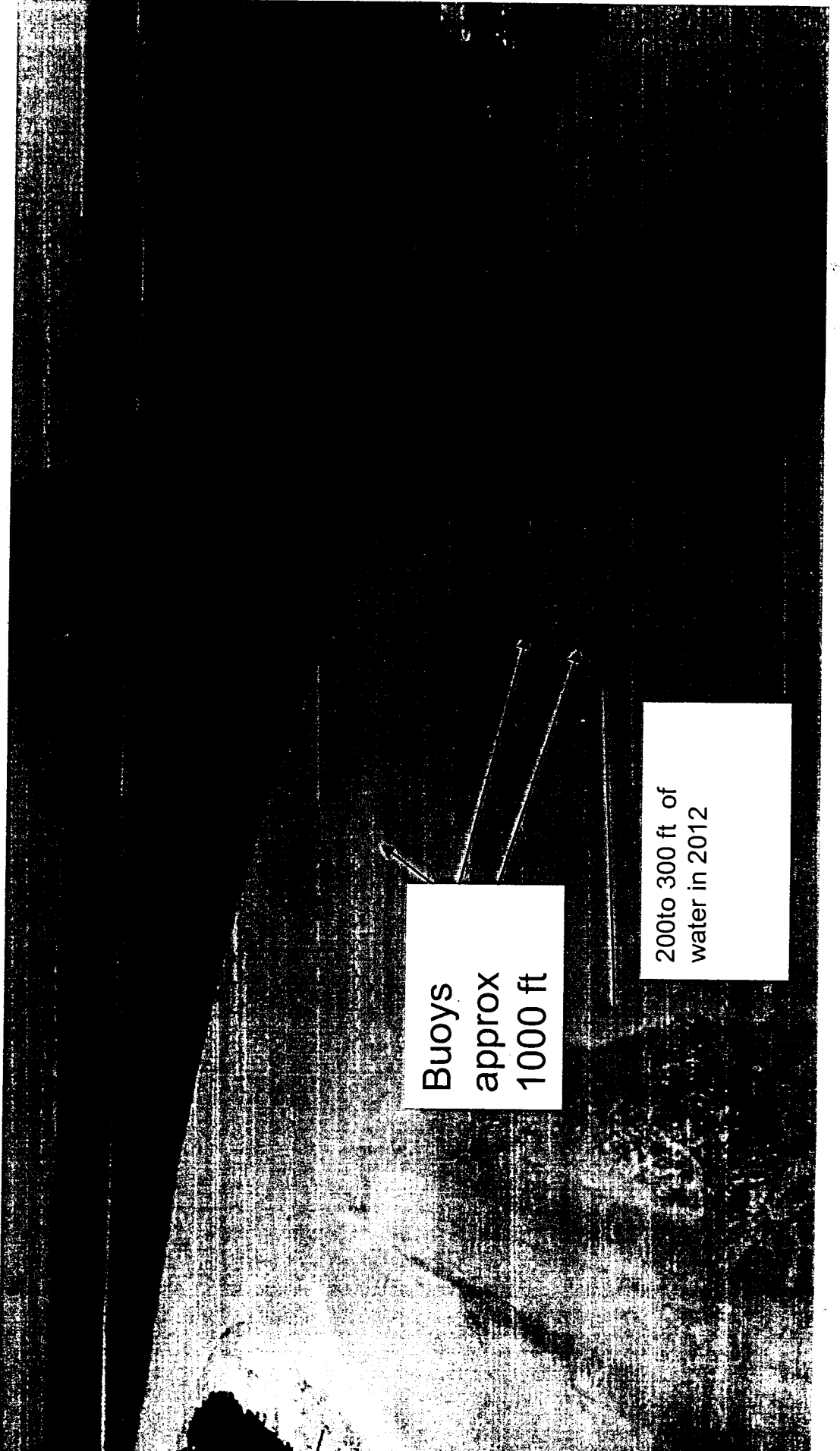
I will be available to serve on any committee.

Thank you  
Roland Briggs

Ugashik Looking N  
High Tide



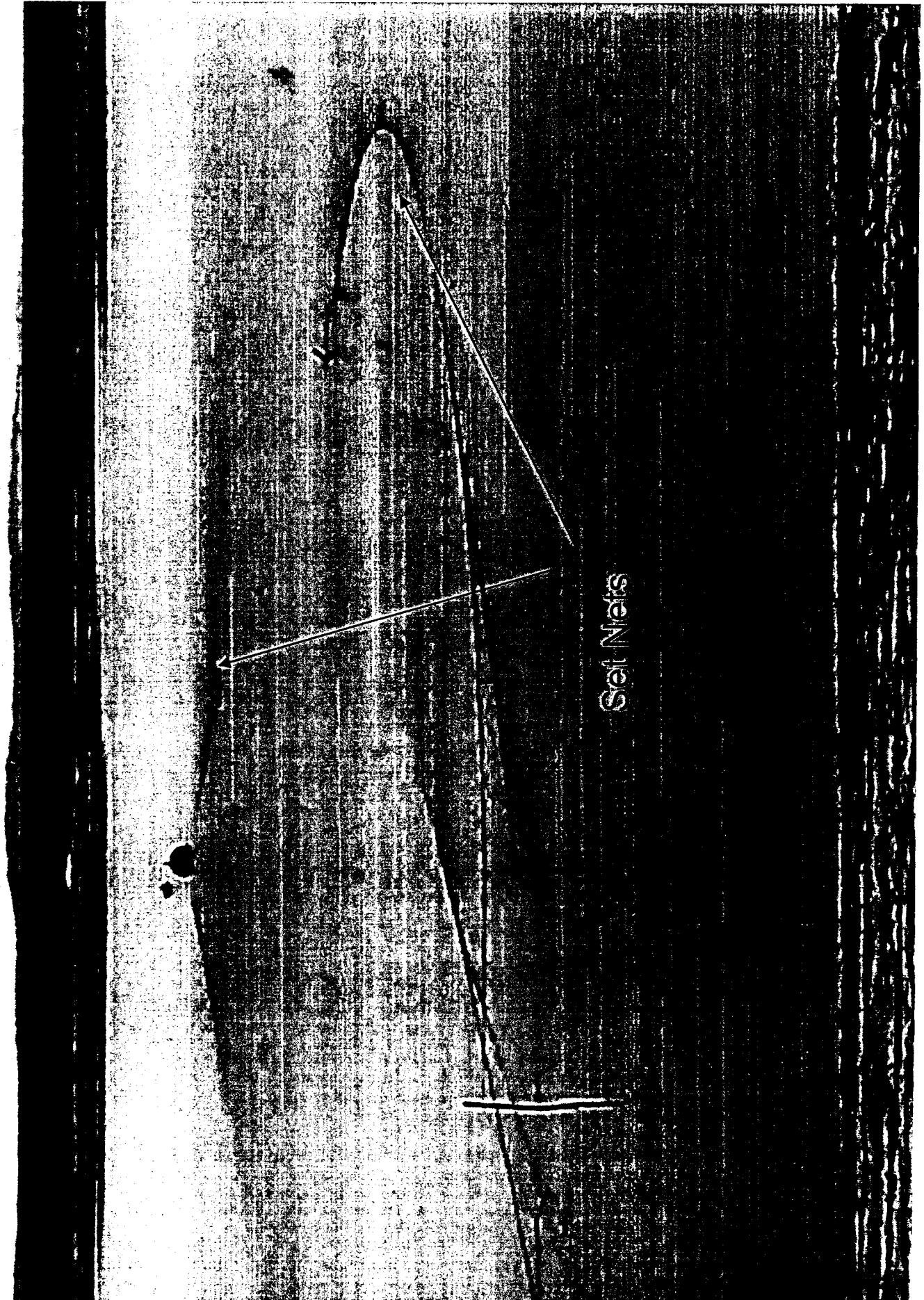
Ugashik Summer 2012  
looking south



Buoys  
approx  
1000 ft

200 to 300 ft of  
water in 2012

Fishing Britel nets



Set Nets

Gravel beach with public access down river of all setnet sites

